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In re Application of:)
HIROYUKI ISHINAGA ET AL.) Examiner: NYA
Appln. No.: 09/985,998) Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: November 7, 2001)
For: LIQUID DISCHARGING METHOD,)
IMAGE FORMING METHOD,)
LIQUID DISCHARGE APPARATUS,)
AND LIQUID DISCHARGE HEAD : January 31, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of the Japanese Examined Patent Application Laid-Open No. 6-24871, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at paragraph 0002 of the specification and to the counterpart U.S. Patent No. 4,620,196 submitted herewith.

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For the concise explanation of the Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 59-31944, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at paragraph 0003 of the specification, to the corresponding English-language abstract, and to the counterpart U.S. Patent No. 4,345,262 submitted herewith.

For the concise explanation of the Japanese Patent Applications Laid-Open Nos. 9-1790, 10-193649 and 7-285222, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at paragraph 0005 of the specification and to the corresponding English-language abstracts submitted herewith.

For a further concise explanation of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-285222, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at paragraphs 0007 and 0008 of the specification.

For the concise explanation of the Japanese Examined Patent Application Laid-Open No. 5-57913, the Examiner is referred to the discussion at paragraph 0006 of the specification and to the counterpart U.S. Patent No. 4,686,539 (erroneously referred to as U.S. Patent No. 468539 in the specification) submitted herewith.

For the concise explanation of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-227081, the Examiner is referred to paragraph 0006 of the specification, to corresponding Japanese Patent 2001-96769, and to the corresponding English-language abstract of the English-language counterpart European Patent No. 1072419A2.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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